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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 31, 2002, please amend this application as follows. A Petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response.

As the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request the amendments be entered.

IN THE CLAIMS

Dease cancel claims 18-28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 29 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A sensor array for detecting an analyte in a fluid, said sensor array comprising: first and second sensors wherein said first sensor comprises a sensing region of an aligned conductive material and a nonconductive region, each of

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